

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

April 19, 2007

Sheriff Jon Marvel called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

Sheriff Jon Marvel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call and all council members were present.

The chair declared a quorum.

Mr. Bob Hellmann asked for corrections or a motion to approve the minutes of the council meeting on March 20, 2007. Mr. Darrick Scott made motion to adopt the minutes as published, Mr. Tim Curley seconds. All members voting aye, the journal of the March 20, 2007 meeting has been adopted.

Public Comments. There were none.

Elected officials present included Sheriff Jon Marvel, Carl Gregory, Nevins Township Assessor, Deborah Lewis, Vigo County Assessor, and David Decker, Vigo County Commissioner.

Communication from elected officials of the County. Commissioner David Decker praised the Council for doing a good job as he sees them meeting regularly.

Communications from other officials or agencies. There were none.

Reports from standing Committees. There were none.

Reports from select committees. There were none.

Ordinances relating to appropriations.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-18. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to appropriate funds for County General. Mr. Mark Bird explained the Commissioners request for \$250,000 in Worker's Compensation is needed because of the high amount of claims due to the accident involving two Sheriff Deputies. Also included in the ordinance is the follow up to appropriate funds previously passed on a Personal Salary Ordinance. In addition, the Harrison Assessor requested a vehicle to use in the field, not as a take home vehicle, as well as funds for gasoline and vehicle repair. Councilman Mike Morris was opposed to the purchase of a vehicle since there is a line item for mileage. In addition, Mr. Morris commented that the County has saved money on Worker's Compensation in the last two years on premiums due to a high deductible. Mr. Morris made motion to divide the

Ordinance and make the Harrison Assessor Vehicle Additional Appropriation a separate issue. Mr. Brad Anderson seconds, all members voting aye. Mr. Darrick Scott asked if the Harrison Assessor was willing to cut his mileage budget, Mr. Bird said he was willing to cut it, but would like to keep some money in mileage. Ms. Kathy Miller commented that Mr. Mick Love, Harrison Assessor, mentioned he is willing to do without Extra Help of \$11,000.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-19. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the ordinance. The Ordinance is regarding additional funds needed in the Health Department to fund Salary Ordinance 2007-10 that was adopted in March.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-20. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the ordinance. Vigo County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) has received a CAPTA Grant (Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act) in the amount of \$20,000. Nikki Fuhrmeister is requesting the following appropriations in order to spend the grant monies: Payroll, \$14,592; FICA \$1,117; Contractual Services \$400; Registration, \$2,000; Training Manuals, \$1,500; Postage, \$91; and Mileage, \$300.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-21. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the ordinance. The Vigo County CASA Director, Nikki Fuhrmeister is requesting appropriations for the following items within the Guardian Ad Litem Fund: Payroll, \$6,240, FICA, \$478, and Mileage, \$200.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-22. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the ordinance. Pre-Trial Diversion is requesting to appropriate \$10,000 for the purchase of fifteen desktop computers and one computer server. The appropriation will come from Infraction Deferral fund in addition, a portion of the cost is being paid under the Adult Protective Services budget. A server crash occurred and was determined to be unrepairable; another server was ordered as well as new computers in order to upgrade the entire system since the old computers were as old as the server that crashed. Scott Swan and Jeremy Snowden from the IT Department were highly praised for their help in installing the new equipment.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-23. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the ordinance. The Vigo County Health Department received a 2006 Tobacco Settlement Distribution for \$42,417.55 on July 24, 2006 for the Health Donation Fund. \$40,000 was donated to St. Ann Clinic. Joni Foulkes, Director of Operations of the Health Department would like to appropriate the remaining \$2,418 into Educational Supplies (Health Donation Fund 055-055).

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-24. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the ordinance. Mr. Bernard Burns, Director of the Alcohol and Drug Program is requesting the Coordinator for the Drug Free Community Fund to be added as a part-time employee with no benefits. An additional appropriation of \$835 is needed in the Payroll line in addition to transfers included on Resolution for Re-allocation of Existing Appropriations 2007-3.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-25. The Special Projects Committee approved the ordinance. Ms. Deborah Lewis, Vigo County Assessor is requesting \$389,000 of her budget be appropriated to 433-30 Contractual Services to use as a first installment to begin the reassessment process over a four year period to be completed in April 2011. Rather than do an entire reassessment for the entire county in eighteen months, it would be divided into portions in order to do a more thorough job of reassessing the properties. This would allow more time to look at issues in detail that time has not allowed in the past with an eighteen-month period. In addition to making information more accurate, this would also be used as an educational tool for new Assessors as well as those who are not able to attend Continuing Education courses. In the past, the reassessment cost has been approximately \$1,500,000. Rather than spend \$1.5 million in an eighteen-month period, spreading the expense over a four-year period would allow money to be kept in Certificates of Deposit to earn interest. This would also save on extra help in each Assessor's budget. In addition, she is requesting \$17,100 to be appropriated to 439-20 Service Agreements. \$11,000 will be used for the additional software license renewal for Sales and Personal Property. This includes two programs which were State mandated, the remaining \$6,100 will be used for an unexpected cost incurred to convert parcel numbers to the State mandated 18-digit format.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-26. The Special Projects Committee approved the ordinance. Mr. Gerald Lindsay, Vigo County Highway Department Superintendent, is requesting an additional appropriation of \$675,000 for the building for the South Unit, as well as salt buildings for the North and South Units.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-27. This ordinance involves debt service reserve on a proposed bond issue as it relates to road improvements in the area of the Pfizer expansion. President Hellmann requested the ordinance to be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Steve Witt pointed out the money needs to be appropriated prior to the sale of the bonds, which is scheduled next week. If the ordinance is tabled tonight, the TIF bond sale will need to be delayed. President Hellmann called a five-minute recess for the Council. Upon return, Mr. Witt explained in past projects, the debt service reserve was done out of bond proceeds. However, as previously discussed, there are adequate funds in EDIT. Therefore, appropriating the funds for the debt service reserve reduces the amount of the debt.

Salary Ordinance 2007-14. The Personnel Committee approved the ordinance. Dr. Dorene Hojnicky, Director of Emergency Management Services, requested to change the job descriptions and duties for the current EMS Staff as well as a grade adjustment for each position. The positions included for the request include, Deputy Director – Operations and Deputy Director – Planning increased to Grade 11 and Administrative Assistant increased to Grade 7. With the original budget amounts, an additional appropriation is not necessary. The new pay rates will not be retroactive and will be effective April 24, 2007.

Salary Ordinance 2007-15. The Personnel Committee approved the ordinance. Sheriff Jon Marvel requested that medical staff currently being paid through Fees for Physicians (437-70) in the Jail budget, be hired as part-time employees with no benefits. This includes Dr. Stevens as the Medical Director, Dr. Jim Turner as the Assistant Medical Director, and five Mid-Level Practitioners. This also includes Medical Mal-Practice Insurance for each doctor and each nurse. Mr. James Bramble, Vigo County Auditor, suggested discussing with John Wright the cost of amending the current County insurance policy, or adding a type of rider, to include Medical Mal-Practice Insurance for the doctors and nurses at the Jail.

Resolution for Re-allocation of Existing Appropriations Ordinance 2007-2. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the resolution. David Crockett, Vigo County Treasurer requested to transfer \$1,400 from Office Supplies and \$650 from New Equipment to Service Agreements to cover the Xerox Service Agreement.

Resolution for Re-allocation of Existing Appropriations Ordinance 2007-3. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the resolution. Mr. Bernard Burns, Director of the Alcohol and Drug Program requested a budget transfer within the Drug Free Community Fund. The request was to transfer \$1,050 from Office Supplies and \$600 from Telephone to Payroll, \$1,150 and FICA, \$500. These transfers will be used in combination with Additional Appropriation 2007-24 for the addition of the part-time position of Coordinator in the Drug Free Community Fund.

Resolution for Re-allocation of Existing Appropriations Ordinance 2007-4. The Personnel Committee approved the resolution. Sheriff Jon Marvel requested to transfer the funds in the Jail budget from Fees for Physicians to Payroll, Mal –practice Insurance, and FICA in order to fund Salary Ordinance 2007-15.

Honorary Resolution. There were none.

Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council.

Resolution 2007-1. Vigo County Fiscal Policy. The resolution is a plan to facilitate fiscal planning to deal with the impact of HEA1001 (2006) (2% Circuit Breaker), in an effort to avoid raising taxes in the future. The effects of the Circuit Breaker will cause a shortage in revenue of approximately \$5 million. This resolution shows how the Council is planning to approach the future revenue shortage problem with the distribution of the Rainy Day Fund through the year 2015.

Unanimous consent to suspend rules. Chair passed gavel to Mr. Darrick Scott.

Resolution for Re-allocation of Existing Appropriations Ordinance 2007-5. The resolution involves transferring appropriations in the Riverboat Wagering Fund; from Courthouse Renovations, \$450,000, to Air Service Promotion, \$100,000 and Air Service Support, \$350,000. The amount appropriated to Courthouse Renovations is no longer necessary to finish the plan. A proposal recently emerged from the Airport Authority to

provide support for scheduled commercial air service. This ordinance proposes using the funds not used for the Courthouse Renovation, which originally came from the Riverboat Gaming Commission; no property taxes are involved in the airport undertaking.

Mr. Dennis Dunbar, Terre Haute International Airport, explained the advantages of a contract with Delta Airlines. Delta will provide three round trip flights Monday through Friday and two round trip flights on Saturday and Sunday to their hub in Cincinnati, Ohio. From there 121 destinations are available. Having an airline locally will help raise our standing which in turn, the FAA may provide funding for projects such as a runway rehabilitation project, which would lead to local work opportunities. In addition, there would be a profound effect on business and attracting new businesses in the area.

First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions.

President Hellmann assigned Request of Council for the May 15, 2007 meeting to committee for further review.

Resolution 2007-2. Attorney Louis Britton presented this resolution. Its purpose is to designate an area within Vigo County as an Economic Revitalization Area for the purpose of a ten-year Personal Property Tax Abatement. The abatement will take effect in 2008 payable in 2009.

Resolution 2007-3. Attorney Louis Britton presented this resolution. Its purpose is to designate an area within Vigo County as an Economic Revitalization Area for the purpose of a ten-year Real Property Tax Abatement. The abatement will take effect in 2008 payable in 2009.

Appointments. There were none. President Hellmann deferred recommendations for pending appointments until the next Council meeting.

President Hellmann announced the passing of City Councilman Chuck Miles who was a long-term contributor to the community, both as a private citizen and as a public official. Also, Senator Timothy Skinner and his wife lost their daughter in a tragic automobile accident today. There was a moment of silence.

Adjournment. Mr. Darrick Scott made motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tim Curley seconds the motion, all members voting aye. Meeting is adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

MOTIONS

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Minutes – March 20, 2007. Mr. Darrick Scott moves to adopt the minutes as published. Mr. Tim Curley seconds. All members voting aye, the journal of the March 20, 2007 meeting has been adopted.

Division of Additional Appropriation 2007-18. Mr. Mike Morris made motion to divide the Ordinance and make the Harrison Assessor Vehicle Additional Appropriation a separate issue. Mr. Brad Anderson seconds, all members voting aye.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-18. Mr. Darrick Scott made motion to adopt the ordinance with the exception of the Harrison Assessor Vehicle, Vehicle Repair, and Gasoline. Mr. Mark Bird seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted. Mr. Mark Bird made motion to adopt the Ordinance regarding the Harrison Assessor Vehicle, Vehicle Repair, and Gasoline. Ms. Kathy Miller seconds Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. Mr. Mike Morris voting nay, Mr. Brad Anderson abstained, all other members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-19. Mr. Darrick Scott made motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Mark Bird seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-20. Mr. Brad Anderson made motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Mark Bird seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted.

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Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-25. Mr. Tim Curley made motion to adopt the ordinance. Ms. Kathy Miller seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted.

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Salary Ordinance 2007-15. Mr. Tim Curley made motion to adopt ordinance. Mr. Darrick Scott seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted.

Resolution for Re-allocation of Existing Appropriations Ordinance 2007-2. Mr. Brad Anderson made motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Mark Bird seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted.

Resolution for Re-allocation of Existing Appropriations Ordinance 2007-3. Mr. Darrick Scott made motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Mike Morris seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted.

Resolution for Re-allocation of Existing Appropriations Ordinance 2007-4. Mr. Darrick Scott made motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Mike Morris seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted.

Vigo County Fiscal Policy Resolution 2007-1. Mr. Tim Curley made motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Darrick Scott seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. Mr. Mike Morris voting nay, all other members voting aye, motion passes, resolution is adopted.

Consent to Suspend Rules. President Hellmann made motion to suspend the rules. All voting aye.

Resolution for Re-allocation of Existing Appropriations Ordinance 2007-5. Mr. Mike Morris made motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Mark Bird seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted.

Resolution 2007-2. Mr. Mike Morris made motion for approval of the resolution to go to the Special Projects Committee. Mr. Mark Bird seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion is approved.

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Adjournment. Mr. Darrick Scott made motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tim Curley seconds the motion. All members voting aye.